856. *Manufacture of Bicycle :*—The Bcicycle assembly unit managed by the Department is located at the Industrial Estate, Mysore and commenced functioning from September 1959. Some of the machinery were purchased from the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited. The imported parts were obtained through the National Small Industries Corporation. Certain types of special steels were being obtained from abroad.

(v) Cottage and Village Industries.

857. The Rural Industrialisation Scheme which was taken up in the First Five Year Plan was continued during the year. The main objects of the scheme were (i) to increase production and income from industries (2) to train the villagers in self-help habits and in the latest commercial and business methods.

858. Out of Rs. 10 lakhs allotted to the State, a sum of Rs. 6·60 lakhs was spent including Rs. 4·00 lakhs disbursed as surety loans under the Scheme.

859. *Rural Industrial Financing Bank.*—The Rural Industrial Financing Bank organised as an adjunct to the Rural Industrialisation Scheme continued to function with 401 Rural and six Urban Industrialisation Co-operative Societies affiliated to it.

860. The Rural Industrialisation Co-operative Societies had enrolled 2,771 new members during the year as against 4,033 members in the previous year. The share amount collected was Rs. 55,399.

(vi) Handloom Industry.

861. The total number of handlooms engaged in weaving of cotton yarn in the State was 1,04,051 according to loomage registered as per the Cotton Textile Control order.

862. At the end of the year more than 70 per cent of the total looms in the State were brought under the Weavers' Co-operative. The figures relating to Cotton, Woollen and Silk handlooms in the Co-operative fold were :

Cotton handlooms	...	74,666
Woollen handlooms	...	12,431
Silk handlooms	...	4,415
Total	...	91,512